

Remarks

Reconsideration and reversal of the rejections expressed in the Office Action of May 23, 2007 are respectfully contended in view of the following remarks and the application as amended. The present invention relates generally to composite wrap materials for use as a protective covering in a variety of applications, and methods of making the composite wrap materials. More particularly, the invention relates to composite wrap materials used for packaging paper products.

In the interest of enhancing the prosecution of the application and in order to afford a prompt allowance of the case, the claims have been further clarified by this Amendment and Response. The claim amendments reflect the substance of the telephone discussion between the Examiner and the undersigned on August 16, 2007. Applicants thank the Examiner for her helpful comments during that discussion.

Claims 25-28 and 30-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Peer, Jr.; claims 34, 39 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Scott; claims 25-28, 30-37 and 39-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Akao; claims 25-28, 30, 32-37, 39 and 41-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) or (e) as being anticipated by Olvey; claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peer, Jr.; claims 29 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Akao; and claims 29, 31, 38 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olvey. The distinctions between the prior art and Applicants' invention have been discussed in preceding responses.

As noted above, the claims have been amended merely to enhance the prosecution of the application and obtain a prompt allowance of the case. Nonetheless, there is no teaching or suggestion in the above-noted references of the particular features of Applicants' invention as presently claimed. Thus, these rejections are overcome.

It is respectfully contended that the solicited claims define patentable subject matter. Reconsideration and reversal of the rejections expressed in the Office Action of May 23, 2007

are respectfully submitted. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if any questions arise during the course of reconsideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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